



Hunting and Fishing

Brazoria

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations that govern hunting on national wildlife refuges set forth in Title 50, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations.

Waterfowl hunting is permitted daily in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations on the areas open to hunting and as shown on this map. Hunting areas are designated by signs stating "Public Hunting Area". No special permit is required. Only waterfowl hunting (ducks, geese, and coots) is allowed. All other wildlife is protected.

Access to the refuge hunting areas is via public water routes or from parking lot areas off CR 227 or at the Clay Banks Public Fishing Area. Retrieval of downed game from closed areas either by foot or by the use of retriever dogs is not permitted.

Off road vehicle travel or ATV use is not permitted on the refuge. Vehicles are allowed in designated parking areas only and access is by foot only. The use of non-motorized bicycles along Alligator Road is permitted when hunting the Middle Bayou Public Hunting Area. The use of airboats is allowed in navigable tidal waters. Salt Lake, Nicks Lake, and East Lost Lake are considered refuge waters and are closed to hunting.

Use of non-toxic shot is required. Possession of lead shot in the hunting area is prohibited. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while hunting on the refuge. Target shooting or target practice is prohibited. Dog training is not allowed with or without the use of firearms.

No permanent blinds are permitted in order to prevent any special claims to portions of this public hunting area. Use of the area is strictly on a first come, first served basis. Hunters must maintain a safe and courteous distance from other parties. Decoys and portable blinds must be removed daily from the refuge upon cessation of hunting. Hunters must carry out their empty shells and trash.

Fishing Regulations

Sport fishing is allowed on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with state regulations and subject to several conditions. Only areas shown on this map and designated by "Public Fishing Area" signs are open. Vehicle parking is only in designated areas and access is by foot only. No off-road vehicle travel or parking is allowed. Campfires, open flame, fireworks, or firearms are prohibited. The use of cast nets for collecting bait for personal use is allowed at public fishing areas. Crab traps are not allowed on refuge waters.

Access for saltwater fishing by boat only is permitted on Nick's, Salt, and Lost Lakes. However, boat launching is not allowed from bank fishing areas. Access for bank fishing is permitted at Bastrop Bayou Public Fishing Area, Clay Banks Public Fishing Area, and Salt Lake Public Fishing Area. Anchoring and fishing from levee at the Salt Lake Weir is permitted. However, access is by boat only.

Bastrop Bayou Area is universally accessible and offers a 200-foot pier with fish attracting lights, five paved bank fishing pull-offs, universally accessible toilet, paved parking, and night-lights. This area is open 24 hours a day. No camping is allowed. Excellent crabbing is available from the pier.

The Clay Banks Area offers bank fishing along a one mile segment of Bastrop Bayou, and is open daily from sunrise to sunset. The Salt Lake Fishing Area offers bank fishing and is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Access is by CR 227 through the Big Slough Recreation Area. Both areas have universally accessible toilets and litter receptacles.

Brazoria NWR is located 10 miles east of Lake Jackson. Take FM 2004 to FM 523 and CR 227.

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